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SUBJECT: MARCOS COMMENTS PUBLICLY ON BASE NEGOTIATIONS

- 1. MARCOS, IN REMARKS AT MFA ANNIVERSARY JUNE 23, SAID "WE HOPE TO CONCLUDE THIS YEAR THE NEGOTIATIONS OF OUR AGREEMENTS, MILITARY AS WELL AS ECONOMIC, WITH THE UNITED STATES. THIS SHOULD PUT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WITHIN A NEW FRAMEWORK OF MUTUALITY OF UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT."
- 2. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH NEWSMEN AT IBP JUNE 27, MARCOS REPORTEDLY COMMENTED THAT THE MILITARY PANELS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE MEETING WEEKLY TO DECIDE ON THE POWERS OF THE PHILIPPINE AND US COMMANDERS AND TO DELINEATE BASE BOUNDARIES.

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3. COMMENT: MARCOS HAS IN THE PAST PERIODICALLY MADE STATEMENTS INDICATING THAT BASE NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BE CONCLUDED BY A CERTAIN DATE. IT IS ENCOURAGING THAT HE IS CONTINUING TO DO SO AT A TIME WHEN WE WANT TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM IN THE ONGOING MILITARY-TO-MILITARY DISCUSSIONS. MURPHY

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